Indo-Pak secretary level peace-talk

4626. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as a result of recent remarks made by the Pakistani Minister of External Affairs the apprehensions of adverse effect on further dialogue of Indo-Pak secretary level peace-talk are likely to be increased.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) No such remarks have come to the notice of the Government.

Changing political situation in neighbouring countries

†4627. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking cognizance of the continuously changing political situation in the neighbouring countries such as Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) Government's reaction thereto;

(d) whether it is a fact that the above changing situations would not only promote the orthodoxy in their countries but also affect India adversely;

(e) whether Government propose to help them so that democratic system is strengthened there; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Government are aware of developments in our neighbouring countries.

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